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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TZ

SUBJECT: US JET AIRCRAFT FOR TANZANIA

REF: STATE 178716

1. OFFICIAL OF GRUMMAN CORP. INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF CHAZIN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION, WHICH REPRESENTS A COMPANY IN TANZANIA WITH WHICH CHAZIN DOES BUSINESS ON NON-MILITARY ITEMS (E.G., INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT), THAT TANZANIA AIR FORCE WANTS TO BUY 20 U.S. JET COMBAT AIRCRAFT SUCH AS THE MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS PHANTOM OR THE NORTHROP F-5. GRUMMAN OFFICIAL, ADMITTING GRUMMAN DOESN'T MANUFACTURE ANYTHING ALONG THOSE LINES, BUT THINKING GRUMMAN'S F-14 MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE TANZANIANS, WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER SUCH A SALE WOULD BE APPROVED FOR TANZANIA.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER INFORMED GRUMMAN THAT USG APPROVAL
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OF SUCH A SALE WOULD REQUIRE HIGH LEVEL DECISION.

GRUMMAN APPEARS INCLINED TO DROP MATTER ENTIRELY.

3. SINCE THIS IS SECOND TIME THIS IDEA HAS BEEN FLOATED,
WE ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER IF THERE IS, IN FACT, TANGOV
INTEREST IN US JET COMBAT AIRCRAFT. HAS EMBASSY HEARD
ANYTHING ON THIS SUBJECT? EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT
APPROACH TANGOV. ROBINSON

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